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In re application of:

Stefan JOOS and Peter LICHTER

Application No. 09/171,854

Filed: October 22, 1998

For: **IDENTIFICATION OF
NUMERICAL CHANGES IN
CELL DNA**

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Sisson, B.

Attorney's Docket No: 03528.0038.US00

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Response to the Advisory Action dated January 17, 2002, and is supplemental to the Response to Final Office Action submitted on November 9, 2001. This Response and is submitted on or before the extended due date of March 9, 2002. Applicants are submitting herewith a Petition for a 2-month Extension of and the requisite fee. The Examiner is requested to enter the Amendments and reconsider the application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Three Times Amended) A process for detecting chromosomal overrepresentation in cells, comprising the following steps: